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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 7535

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SUBJ: TRANSFER OF F-5 AIRCRAFT

REF: TEHRAN 7346

1. IN MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR AUGUST 3 AND WITH CHIEF, ARMISH/MAAG, AND EMBOFF AUGUST 4, GENERAL TOUFANIAN SAID THAT IRAN REGRETTED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE FMS F-5A AND B AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER TO KENYA. TOUFANIAN SAID THAT SHAH FULLY APPRECIATED AND SHARED OUR VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA. IRAN WISHED IT WERE POSSIBLE TO ASSIST IN UPGRADING KENYAN AIR FORCE. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING OUR REQUEST, IIAF HAD AGAIN STUDIED QUESTION AND DETERMINED THAT F-5 AIRCRAFT WERE NEEDED FOR IRANIAN PILOT TRAINING. PRICE WAS NOT A PRIMARY CONSIDERATION.

2. TOUFANIAN SAID THAT NO F-5B AIRCRAFT COULD BE RE-LEASED TO ANY COUNTRY UNTIL IRAN HAD 10 F-5FS FOR IIAF. IRAN COULD NOT AGREE TO RELEASE OF A COMBINATION OF F-5AS AND BS. PRESENTLY IRAN HAD 15 FMS F-5AS. ONE HAD BEEN DAMAGED AND WAS USED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES. TEN  
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WERE SLATED TO GO TO JORDAN AT A LATER DATE, PROBABLY SOME TIME NEXT YEAR. FOUR PLANES WERE REQUIRED FOR TRAINING YOUNG IRANIAN PILOTS.

3. TOUFANIAN CONTINUED TO AT IIAF HAD 21 MAP F-5AS. EIGHT OF THESE HAD BEEN RELEASED FOR TRANSFER TO ETHIOPIA. THIRTEEN WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER, IF DELIVERY OF F-5ES COULD BE EXPEDITED AND THERE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT SPARES AND SUPPORTING EQUIPMENT TO ENABLE IIAF PILOTS TO TRAIN ON F-5ES. TWELVE OF THESE MAP PLANES HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY U.S. TO GREECE.

4. WE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR IRAN'S WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER OUR REQUEST AND SAID THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THAT IIAF NEEDS TOOK PRIORITY. TOUFANIAN CONCLUDED THAT IRAN WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO HELP, BUT COULD NOT DO SO WITHOUT INFLECTING DAMAGE ON ITS OWN AIR FORCE.

5. WE SAID THAT WHEN IRAN WAS READY TO TRANSFER AIRCRAFT TO JORDAN WE WOULD APPRECIATE ADVANCE WORD SO THAT WE COULD INITIATE THE USUAL THIRD-COUNTRY PROCEDURES. TOUFANIAN AGREED.  
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